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1. It was planned that the following amounts of coal be available for distribution:

Crude lignite *	11,600,000 tons
Briquettes *	3,200,000 tons
Lignite carbonization coke (Braun-	
kohlen Schwellkoks) *	420,000 tons
Coal (Steinkohle) - Zwickau (N 52/	
A 23) *	280,000 tons
Coal - imported from Poland **	280,000 tons
Foundry coke (Zechenkoks) - Zwickau*	20,000 tons
Foundry coke imported from Poland **	80,000 tons
Foundry coke imported from	
Czechoslovakia **	40,000 tons
Domestic gas coke ***	60,000 tons
Small variations may result from higher output.	

2. The amounts planned for August 1950 were as follows:

Crude lignite *	12,000,000 tons
Lignite briquettes *	3,200,000 tons
Lignite carbonization coke *	425,000 tons
Coal - Zwickau *	290,000 tons
Coal - imported from Poland **	345,000 tons
Foundry coke - Zwickau *	20,000 tons
Foundry coke - imported from Poland **	105,000 tons
Foundry coke - imported from	
Czechoslovakia **	40,000 tons
Domestic gas coke ***	62,000 tons

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the output aimed at for 1950 comprises 132 million tons of crude lignite, 37.5 million tons of lignite briquettes, 91 percent of the coal production in 1936 or about 3.3 million tons of coal, and 0.24 million tons of foundry coke. In event the planned figures indicated in the report are actually reached in July and August and subsequent months, the annual production would be approximately 140 million tons of crude lignite; 38.4 million tons of lignite briquettes; 3.42 million tons of coal and 0.24 million tons of foundry

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coke. The figures planned for the total 1950 production of crude lignite and of lignite briquettes would then be considerably exceeded, and, judging from previous information, such an excess over the plan seems possible. The coal production on the other hand is lagging about 20 percent behind the figures planned. See [redacted]

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** [redacted] Comment. The Soviet Zone of Germany can meet its requirements of crude lignite, lignite briquettes and lignite carbonization coke by its own production, but for coal and foundry coke the Soviet Zone is dependent on imports from Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Ruhr District. [redacted] The annual imports from Poland as reported here, amount to about 3.75 million tons of coal, and about 1.1 million tons of foundry coke; the imports from Czechoslovakia comprise about 480,000 tons of foundry coke. Judging from a previous report, the Soviet Zone will import a total of about 2.5 million tons of coke from Poland and Czechoslovakia in 1950. [redacted] 25X1

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*** [redacted] Comment. This information indicates that the annual production of gas coke will be about 750,000 tons; this would correspond to a production of around 1 million tons of coal.

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